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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the Month of APRIL, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1945, was estimated to be 493,047.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages .. No.	471	333	1,301	1,020
" .. *Rate per 1000 of Population	11.22	8.01	10.69	8.46
Birth .. No.	775	971	2,449	2,908
" .. *Rate per 1000 of Population	18.47	23.36	20.12	24.12
Deaths .. No.	355	345	1,071	1,091
" .. *Rate per 1000 of Population	8.46	8.30	8.80	9.05
Infant Mortality No.	27	21	82	72
" .. Rate per 1000 live births	34.84	21.63	33.48	24.76
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	16	12	42	46
Cancer	30	55	122	146
Influenza	1	-	3	1
Diphtheria	2	2	4	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	27	28	98	110
Arteriosclerosis	13	16	24	43
Diseases of the Heart	89	90	273	257
Pneumonia and Broncho-				
Pneumonia	21	20	66	55
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	9	14	17
Nephritis	16	12	34	45
Diseases of Early Infancy	11	12	40	37
Senility	7	8	24	41
Accidents	22	17	85	58
All Other Causes	95	64	242	229
Total	355	345	1,071	1,091

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 76,939 acres, a decrease of 8,747 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 817,285 acres, a decrease of 85,521 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of April		10 Months ended April	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Revenue	1,185,956	1,280,479	11,014,580	11,498,677
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.8.0d.	£2.12.3d.	£22.7.0d.	£22.11.6d.
Expenditure	1,181,153	1,276,936	11,826,296	11,524,696
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.7.9d.	£2.12.1d.	£23.19.11d.	£23.12.7d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th April, 1946 amounted to £37,570,554, or £75.19.1d. per head of population, as against £30,493,221 or £62.4.4d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th April, 1946, amounted to £3,158,582 compared with £2,664,495 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers .. (No. £	1,387 542,878	839 317,167	11,864 5,038,567	8,516 3,328,582
Mortgages .. (No. £	651 550,746	249 283,116	4,891 4,268,024	2,391 2,433,345
Discharges of Mortgages No.	682	475	6,280	4,802

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1945 -				
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

46 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £799,100 and 19 Foreign Companies were registered for the ten months ended 30th April, 1946. For the corresponding period last year, there were registered 10 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £143,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	10 Months ended 30th April					
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
	1946			1945		
Sequestration Orders	8	£ 16,281	£ 6,259	2	£ 3,257	£ 2,046
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	--	--	--	--	--	--

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangements.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £	384,300	355,100	3,067,600	3,288,100
Working Expenses £	350,869	327,343	3,021,050	2,782,833
Train Miles Run	578,040	550,144	4,718,463	4,739,213
Passenger Journeys	1,661,468	1,674,014	12,879,153	13,814,104
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	261,597	245,047	1,883,964	2,090,305
Livestock	11,487	11,298	108,389	117,366
Departmental (Free Freight)	40,609	57,173	343,950	413,208
Total	313,693	313,518	2,336,303	2,620,879
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	34,156,945	29,624,591	242,930,708	235,931,687
Livestock	1,347,789	1,285,291	12,718,951	13,055,540
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,332,975	7,298,013	50,508,585	59,181,018
Total	41,837,709	38,197,895	306,158,244	308,168,245

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
January	8	13	--	27	8	24	--	35
February	11	24	--	41	11	38	--	45
March	9	19	--	37	9	51	--	42
April	17	25	--	30	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109
1946 -								
January	18,632	7,196	204	3,568	30,167	25,285	274	5,581
February	18,823	7,400	204	3,811	30,667	26,401	290	6,004
March	18,864	7,482	204	3,896	30,796	26,813	291	6,155
April	19,076	7,754	204	4,143	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

1946 - April	<u>Cars</u> 92	<u>Wagons, Vans, etc.</u> 434	<u>Buses</u> 5	<u>Motor Cycles</u> 5
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TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the nine months ended March, 1946 and 1945, respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	559	392	4,090	3,872	2,719	1,073	12,382	11,305
Interstate	1,297	729	11,622	9,638	185	678	5,176	3,348
Total	1,856	1,121	15,712	13,510	2,904	1,751	17,558	14,653

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
April, 1946	*117	*110,689	21	13,195	290	36,967	*428	*160,851
April, 1945	48	35,088	2	1,175	148	9,450	198	45,713
10 Months ended April, 1946	1,098	954,200	74	53,311	2,124	263,720	3,296	1,271,231
10 Months ended April, 1945	408	272,280	17	40,938	1,080	160,095	1,505	473,313

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 21 for a value of £20,564.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
April, 1946	*24	*17,280	6	2,670	56	4,778	*86	*24,728
April, 1945	3	1,150	1	150	27	1,756	31	3,056
10 Months ended April, 1946	157	112,762	35	14,147	355	30,062	547	156,971
10 Months ended April, 1945	65	48,139	11	4,807	226	13,337	302	66,283

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 8 for a value of £8,080.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

256,574 lbs. were produced during March, 1946, and 11,239,070 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1946, as against 249,783 lbs. and 11,059,688 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	41,927	35,134	161,777	151,444
Value (Australian Currency) £		444,458	372,421	1,724,348	1,605,312

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1946, amounted to £63,734, as against £126,809 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan Area	1067	1062	1061	1059
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1201	1192	1193	1106
Northam	1082	1071	1071	1068
Bunbury	1064	1049	1049	1042
Geraldton	1091	1086	1084	1089

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees)=100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144		955	835	827	876	
May	119	131	140	144		927	836	832	891	
June	118	135	139	145		907	835	829	903	
July	117	136	140	145(a)		888	828	832	899	
August	119	136	140	144		882	814	832	897	
September	120	137	140	141		877	806	834	914	
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	136	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,125	15,549	156,414	154,500
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,376	14,625	132,706	130,939

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
April, 1946	4,839	110	58,766	12,661
April, 1945	3,799	210	57,125	12,087
Four Months ended April, 1946	19,212	725	254,096	58,627
Four Months ended April, 1945	20,486	1,186	310,842	56,005